

c1 sub d1
19. (Twice Amended) The brake pad as claimed in claim 31, wherein the brake pad includes a carrier plate and a friction lining applied thereto, wherein the retaining spring is undetachably connected to the carrier plate.

c2 sub d2
22. (Twice Amended) The brake pad of claim 31, wherein the at least one spring element includes two first portions which are arranged opposite each other with respect to said piston axis.

c3 sub d3
25. (Twice Amended) The brake pad of claim 31, further including two spring elements, wherein each one of said two spring elements includes a first portion for urging the brake pad against the piston.

26. (Once Amended) The brake pad of claim 25, wherein the two spring elements are arranged opposite each other with respect to the piston axis.

c4 sub d4
29. (Twice Amended) The brake pad of claim 31, wherein the retaining spring is configured as a hook or eyelet.

30. (Twice Amended) The brake pad of claim 31, further comprising a retaining plate configured as a damping plate.

31. (Once Amended) Brake pad and brake piston assembly, comprising:
a brake piston having an outer surface encircled by a circumferential groove,
a retaining spring coupled to a brake pad, wherein said retaining spring engages said circumferential piston groove, thereby detachably coupling the brake pad to the piston,

wherein the retaining spring includes at least one spring element having a first portion which applies an axial spring force at two contact point locations on opposite sides of the piston to urge the brake pad against the piston, and a second portion which applies a radial spring force to the brake pad at one contact point location in a vertical direction which is generally perpendicular to an axis of travel of the piston.